

EDGAR SNOWDEN.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 16.

In the Secate, to day, the Matthews resolutions were taken up, a motion to refer them rejected, and they were then laid over till Friday. Eulogies on the late Senator Bogy, of Mo., were pronounced. The House accepted a a picture and acted upon territorial bills. In both Houses the resolutions of the Virginia Legislature, in favor of a reduction on the tax on tobacco, were presented. Eulogies on the late Senator Morton will be delivered to-morrow in the Senate.

We had supposed until yesterday that a majority of the "readjusters" in the General Assembly were in earnest, and really desired to better the condition of the State, but that supposition vanished when we saw that a resolution to reduce the pay of the members to what it was before the war, when expenses in Richmond were no higher than at present, had been defeated by their votes. Mr. Barbour and the Speaker voted for it, but the body of the readjusters voted against, and defeated it. Men don't care much for the honor and credit of their State, when, in order to get six, instead of four dollars, a day, they refuse to show the public creditors that they are anxious to do all that is possible to enable Virginia to meet her resumed Tuesday; that Suleiman Pasha afterbonest indebtedness.

the General Assembly of Virginia yesterday adopted a report, the purport of which is that of the Balkans is in danger of capture or annithe time has now come "when we must make a | hilation before an armistice can be concluded. firm and resolute stand by the principles which | Chirpan is about thirty miles east of Philippo we have affirmed so often, or submit to demoralization and overthrow by the instrumentality of those who claim the conservative Russians have reached Chirpan is not improbname for their own protection, while at able, as there is no Turkish army between the same time they marshal and lead the ment. The utmost terror and disorganization forces of the rapublican party, which in prevail throughout the country between Phil the main sent them here as the avow- ippopolis and Constantinople. Panic stricken ed opponents of our organization, seeking within its lines to impair its efficiency and to break by thousands. Only a small percentage of them in its lines to impair its efficiency and to break it down," and they could not have put more Chorlu on account of the recent railway accitruth and good sense into tewer words.

Mr. George H. Pendleton, who had been previously nominated by the democratic caucus of the Obio Legislature, was yesterday elected U. S. Senator. Mr. Pendleton is one of the ablest men in the country, and his presence in the Senate will help to remove from that body the odium that many of its present members have cast upon it. He was a candidate for the Vice-Presidency upon the McClellan ticket, in 1864, and it is a remarkable coincidence that upon the same day in 1878 he should have been elected Sepator from Obio and General McClellan icangurated as Governor of New

Another instance of the injustice of the jary system, and of the uncertainties attending cases submitted to trial by that process, was presented in Montreal yesterday, when, in the Oka Indian trial for arson, the jury were discharged, seven Freuch Canadian Catholics being for conviction, and five English Protestants | the treaty of Paris, Austria would not recogfor acquittal. Race, nationality, religion, and different points. Austria would be prepared to Carolina and never came near the naval aua hundred other conditions other than the most protect her interests by all the means at her thorities. He had enough of the navy. He potent one, money, are sufficient causes to defeat the ends of justice when a man puts his deliverance upon twelve of his countrymen.

Disgrace has fallen upon the Palette Club of New York. The game of two plack one was played in it the other night, and the unfortunate snatched the cards and showed them to a professional "sport," who pronounced them similar to those used in playing the "skin" gamo. The professional exposed the affair, and hence the tears. Gambling is a bad businese, and isn't permanently profitable even to the winners; and good evidence of this is afforded by John Chamberlaine, who has retired from it in Washington, and now keeps a res- and adopt a united line of action.

Hampshire met to-day and adopted resolutions | kel and her Majesty's ship Active on the coast denouncing the radical fraudalent usurpation of the General Government and demanding a change in the law that will prevent its recurrence, and deprecating any action by Congress that will tend to injure the credit of the country or wosettle the carrency.

Mr. Voorhes, in the able speech he made in the U. S. Senate, yesterday, on his side of the later lest the Gaikas should join the insurrecquestion, maintained that the original war debt tion. The Government has demanded Keva's was paid for in depreciated paper, and by a conspiracy of the bondholders had been changed from the original contract and was made paya- | dress of a deputation that waited upon him. ble in coin, and now the attempt was made to stated that he would recommend to Parliament | all of Winsted; one woman and two men, who declare it payable in gold only.

It is now positively asserted that the President will make no further effort to remove Mr. New York. If this be so, it will prove that if the end of a fortnight. Mr. Fitzhugh was not a bigger man than President Grant, Senator Conkling is a bigger man than President Hayes, and yet not a very big

ored women in the South will vote at the next ging him to follow in his father's footsteps. Presidential election, inasmuch as they were enfranchised under the 13th and 14th amendments to the constitution. If the doctor be Mecca. Arabia, to the 31st of December 1sst, 1.30 a. m., soon after the accident. The 12, Robinson 9, Blair and Wickes 3 each, scorrect the polls will be lively places.

At Jeddah the average daily more factory and church bells were rung and the Steiner (republican) 18, scattering 3. The correct the polls will be lively places.

The Sun, an excellent evening paper printed at Petersburg, has suspended. The prevailing hard times affect none of the interests of the Stoughton, who succeedes Mr. Boker, presentcountry more seriously than those connected ed his credentials to his majesty.

with the newspapers. Gold was down yesterday to 1014. If the anti-resumptionists don't hurry, resumption will be accomplished before they can perfect their plans for preventing it.

The extensive basis location on the Western firm of Robert Mitchell & Co., of Moutreal, is firm of their plans for preventing it.

Foreign News.

THE FASTERN WAR. Server Pasha and Namyk Pasha, who were appointed envoys to negotiate withthe Russian Grand Duke Nicholas, left yesterday for sented the following, which was referred to the Kezanlik, where they are expected to arrive on Committee on Figance :-Thursday. The Grand Dake Nicholas has An Acr to authorize the City Council of Alexinformed the Porte that he is invested with full powers on the question of conditions of

The Russian Government has ordered fortytwo more torpedo boats at Stettio, to be com-

pleted by the middle of April. A Constantinople dispatch announces that a great battle was fought on Monday between Tatar Bazardik and Philippopolis. The fighting was resumed yesterday. Suleiman Pasha afterward took up a position near Philippopolis, and ordered the inhabitants to leave that town. The Russians have reached Schirpan, south of Yeni Saghra, and are marching on Yeni Mahalgre.

A special from Belgrade says Servia intends to claim the following peace conditions: The ndependence of the Principality, the cession of old Servia, and indemnity for Turkish de-

vastations in the last war.

Privoe Nikita, with his Montenegrius, is marching from Antivari against Scutari. A correspondent who left Erzeroum just before its investment telegraphs that the town is now little better than a huge hospital. About a hundred soldiers die daily, and two or three are ties so called in and surrendered, but the arrears frozen to death every night. Typhus fever is raging. As the corpses buried are barely covered with earth, the consequences must be terrible when the thaw commences.

A dispatch from Athens contains the followng: "As a Turkish man-of-war has been cruising off Cerigo without any known cause, the Greek iron-clad George was dispatched to enforce the observance of neutral rights. Passengers who arrived here to day on board a steamer from Syra assert that they heard the firing of cannon near Cerige. The Government, however, is ignorant of any engagement." A special from Constantinople reports that

Philippopolis is completely evacuated, and the Turks have ordered it to be burned. Ajados and Karnabad have been burned.

The Turkish fleet has shelled Sebastopol. LONDON, Jan. 16.—If the dispatch of yeserday from Constantinople stating that a great battle was fought on Monday between Tatar Bazarojik and Philippopolis; that fighting was wards took up positions near Philippopolis and ordered the inhabitants to leave that town, and The caucus of the conservative party of that the Russians have reached Chirpan and are marching on Yeni Mahalgre, is correct, the remains of the only Turkish field army south polis, and less than ten miles from the road and railway over which the Turks must pass to reach Adrianople. The statement that the Chirpan and K. zanlik to hinder such a movefugitives continue to crowd toward the capital dent on the line leading to Constantinople. (ax before said within thirty days after the man-The Turkish Government and the English re- damus commanding it to do so should have been lief committee have great difficulty to prevent served, or in the event of the resignation of the wholesale loss of life from bunger and ex

> The London Daily Telegraph has a special dispatch from Constantinople containing an improbable story that the Austrian Embassy. has been notified that Austria is opposed to a separate peace, and intends to support the treaty of Paris; and, further, that she wishes that Tarkey should leave grave questions affecting European interests open for consideration at a conference of European Powers. "The communication," says the Telegraph's dispatch, "is regarded here as a sign that there is an understanding between England and Austria.

LONDON, Jan. 16 .- A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Constantinople says: "Count Zichy, the Austrian Ambassador here, declared yesterday to Server Pasha, Foreign Minister, before the latter's departure for Kezanlik, that he had received instructions from Vicona that Austria could not prevent the conclusion of an armistice on the basis of peace preliminaries, but that, as a signatory of that unfortunate vessel went down. He was nize a peace concluded without her assent to its

ENGLAND.

The Home Rule Conference at Dublin yesterday adopted a resolution in favor of holding an annual Conference, consisting of members of the Home Rule League Club and members of Parliament. Mr. Biggar supported a resoluto the effect that should intervention in the Eastern war be brought before Parliament, the the swiftest speaker in the House ever known rish party should repudiate sympathy with there. England by quitting the House in a body. Dr. Butt declared that the passage of such a resolution would be a deadly blow to Irish nationality. The resolution was ultimately withdrawn, and one proposed by Mr. Parnell substituted, that the Conference advise the Home Rule party to consult relative to the Eastern question

A dispatch from Cape Town says :- "There has been no fighting during the past week. The democratic State convention of New The appearance of British troops in the Transhave caused many Galekas to submit. Botman, one of the counsellors of Kreli, the Galeka chiet, gave himself up at Ibeka, and says other of the village. The train was bound for Miller-Galekas are ready to come in, and so would ton, and carried passengers for all the stations Government demands the unconditional sur- to attend the Moody and Sankey meeting. Two render of Kreli and his son and the disarming engines, a baggage car and three passenger of all his fighting men. On Sunday Kreli's General Keva, with 200 men, crossed the Kei, bridge, the engines reaching the shore, three and is now in the Gaika territory. This revives cars breaking through the ice in three feet of surrender of Sandili, chief of the Gaikas. Sir | 2 o'clock a. m., and others were believed to be Bartle Frere, Governor and commander in in the wreck. Among the dead were :- Mrs. chief of the Cape Colony, in reply to the adthe complete disarmament of the natives.'

largest makers of ship plates in the world, have missing, perhaps included among the three blown out one of their blast furnaces, and the bodies not recognized. It is almost certain that men employed at another furoace have received other bodies have not been recovered. The Arthur from the collectorship of the port of notice that their services will not be required at more seriously wounded were :- Rev. W. H.

MISCELLANEOUS.

At the forthcoming Postal Congress France will propose international postoffice orders, at | Winsted, head and right side injured; Fredone per cent. tax, the rate of exchange to be erderick Hotohkin, of Canton, ribs broken; adjusted by the Congress.

Alfonso's marriage with the Princess Mercedes. | at forty.

ister at St. Petersburg, handed to the Emperor across the ice to the Tariffville side. The yesterday his letter of recall, and Mr. E. W. wounded and dead were mostly put on the

The extensive brass founding and plumbing rest around by Plainville, on the Fishkill and monweather of Robert Mitchell & Co., of Montreal, is Caral roads to New Hartford on the Western mitted.

to cross the Po river on a footlog.

Letter from Richmond.

Cerrespondence of the Alexandria Gazette. RICHMOND, January 15, 1878. In the House, to day. Mr. Mushbach pre-

dris to compromise the debt of the city, and to issue bonds in accordance with the terms of such compromise, and prescribing the mode in which the payment of the interest on such bonds may be enforced.

Whereas it appears that the City Council of Alexandria is unable, even at the present high rate of taxation, upon a full assessment of the property within the city of Alexandria to meet the accruing interest on the debt of that city, and at the same time make provision for the ordinary expenses of the municipal government, and has asked its creditors to assent to a compromise of said debt at the rate of fifty cents on the dollar of principal thereof, to the end that the municipal government may be maintained and the debt so arranged as to bring the aggregate interest thereon within the ability of the tax payers to meet it by reasonable taxation; therefore.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly, That the City Council of Alexandria be, and it is hereby, authorized and empowered to call in the outstanding bonds and evidences of every description whatscever owned or held by persors who may assent to said compromise and surrender their bonds and evidences of indebtedness, and to issue to such person in lieu thereof and in exchange therefor registered coupon bonds for one half of the principal of the securiof interest on such securities shall be compromised or settled upon such terms and in such manner as may be hereafter agreed upon between the said City Council and the persons to whom the same may be due.

2. The bonds issued under authority of this act shall bear date the 1st day of July, 1878 and be payable thirty years after their date, but redeemable at any time prior thereto at the pleasure of the City Council. They shall bear interest at the rate of six per centum, payable semi-annually, on such days and at such places thereupon struck Robinson, and when he as the City Council may prescribe, and the said City Council may give such liens upon the mu- the same time Robinson produced a bowieknife. nicipal property and the revenues derived therefrom to secure the prompt payment of the interest coupons of the said bonds as it may

3 The interest coupons of the bonds hereby author zed to be issued shall be receivable at ous fire, and Robinson at last dodged behind and after maturity at their face value in payment of all taxes, licenses, gas bills, tines, reats, debts and demands due the said City Council, which shall be so expressed on their face, and for all these purposes they shall be on the same footing with current funds. Neither the said bonds nor the said coupons shall be taxable by the said City Council whether held or owned by said residents or non residents of the city, which shall also be so expressed on their face. 4. The said City Council snall create a sink-

ing fund to be applied to the redemption and payment of the bonds issued under and by authority of this act, and shall annually, until such bonds are paid, levy and collect a tar, the proceeds of which shall be paid into the city tressury to the credit of the sinking fund.

5 The Circuit and the Corporation Courts of the city of Alexandria or any State Court which may have general jurisdiction in that city shall have jurisdiction and power, should default be made for thirty days in the payment of the interest on the bonds issued under this act, or any part thereof, upon the application of the owners of the unpaid coupons for such interest, or any one or more of said owners, to compel the City members of the City Council, or a majority of them, or the corporate authorities, to evade the service of process in mandamus, or to avoid the levying of said tax, then the said Courts or the judges thereof in vacation shall have power to levy such tax, and to appoint one or more commissioners, at a reasonable compensation, to collect it by distress or other process; provided, however, that no tax shall be levied by the said City Council, or by said Courts, or the judges thereof, at a rate in excess of one dollar and seventy-five cents per annum on every hundred dollars of the assessed value of the real and porsonal property in said city.

6. None of the provisions of this act shall apply to any creditor of said city who does not accept the terms of said compromise and exchange is securities hereunder, nor shall said Courts or the judges thereof have any jurisdiction under this act, except in favor of those who are holders of the coupon for interest on the bonds hereby authorized to be issued.

7 This act shall be in force from its pussage. There was in this city a few days since a painter, who is a deserter from the U. S. navy. He was ship painter on board of the Huron when one of the few who went ashore, and when he reached the main land he struck out for North had only been in two months when the ship-

wreck occurred. Mr. Lawis E. Harvie, the member of the House of Delegates from Amelia, stated in a speech yesterday that an ex-pecitentiary convict was a school teacher in his county.

Mr. Neely, the late accomplished member of the House of Delegates from Accomac county, was on the floor of the House to day. He was

## Railroad Accident.

A dreadful railroad accident occurred last vening near Hartford, Conn. An excursion train with passengers that had been attending Mondy and Sankey's revival services fell into the Farmington river. Two engines, a baggage car and three passenger cars fell through the bridge. The loss of life had not been ascertained, but from fifreen twenty five wounded

had been taken out. HARTFORD, Conn., Jan. 16.-The railroad accident, at Tariffeille, occurred at the trestle bridge crossing the Farmington river, just west Kreli if he were sure of his own safety. The between this city and that place, who came on water, and one car resting on the end on the Benj. Carman, Miss Minnie Allen, daughter of Henry Allen, and the two Misses McCarger, have not been indentified. Miss Janet Warner, The Cousett Iron Company of London, the of Canaan, and Uri Whiting, of Winsted, are Thomas, Methodist pastor of Winsted, both legs broken and side injured; engineers Francy and Hatch, of Hartford, badley scaled, the latter probably fatally; W. A. Pinney, of Dwight Case, of Barkhamasted, head and According to Dr. Mary Walker all the col- Garibaldi has written to King Humbert, beg- ribs injured; J. C. Riggs, of Norfolk, leg broken. There is a large number of less seri-The Spanish Congress has approved King ously injured. The wounded may be numbered tality was thirty-eight.

Mr. Geo. H. Boker, the United States minThe bodies were taken on planks or rude sleds Hartford special. A a few were left at Tariff-ville and Hartford and the train took the rest around by Plainville, on the Fishkill and

News of the Day.

A few days ago the schooner E. H. Pray was found floating in New York harbor hav ing been scuttled and gutted of quite a valuable cargo. It was at first supposed it was the work of river pirates and that the crew had been murdered, but it now turns out that the captain of the schooner (Clark) and the crew were the guilty parties. The cargo was yesterday in an old schooner anchored on Communi paw flats in charge of the late cook of the Pray who made the above confession.

The object of the Great Southern Railway Company is to construct a railway from Millen. Georgia, to Keywest, Florida, with a branch read to Tampa, Florida, connecting by steamships with Havana, Cubs; Central and South America, and the West India Islands gen-

An explosion of sulphur gas is Pott's colliery, near Ashland, Pa., last evening, killed, so far as known, four men and injured several others.

Lewis II. Mijers, of Baltimore, got drunk last week, ran away with a pretty sister-in law, and now is ashamed to come back to his wife and children.

At a meeting of coal managers in New York to-day the combination entered into by the operators was ratified. Charles Frazer & Co., oil merchants of New

York, have made an assignment. Messrs. Chestout & Dubois, bankers of Carlinville, Ill., have made an assignment.

Virginia News.

A desperate encounter between Philip Grasty, a tobacconist, and W. P. Robson, a merchant, occurred in the latter's store, at Danville, yesterday. Grasty was formerly Robinson's clerk, but quit a year ago and refused to settle his accounts. He called on Robinson for this purpose yerterday, but Robinson refused. Grasty advanced to retaliate Grasty drew a pistol. At a few territorial bills. Grasty then fired and broke Robinson's left arm, but the latter stabbed him several times in the left shoulder and arm, and nearly out off bis little finger. Grasty kept un a promiscu the counter, being unable to fight any longer. Being separated, physicians were summoned and the wounds dressed. Both men are painfully hurt, but not seriously.

Daring the year 1877 the circuit judges drew the following mileage: George Blow, \$305.20; S. S. Weisiger, \$177.30; A. D. Dickerson, \$345.60; W. M. Tredway, \$170; G. A. Wingfield, \$360; Henry Shackleford, \$241.40; B. R. Wellford, \$56; R. L. Montague, \$634 40; J. M. Jeffries, \$458.40; Wm. S. Barton, \$374.80; James Keith, \$165 60; Robert H. Turner, \$208 40; William McLaughlin, \$211.60; Henry E. Blair, \$164; John H. Fulton, \$181.20; John A. Kelly, \$266 40; George T. Garrison, \$78 40. and Mark Bird, \$90.80.

gas from the U. S. government buildings there because the city's and the government's time of payment did not agree, the government im mediately commenced the ercetton of gas works Council by mandamus to levy and collect a tax | ed. This being more objectionable than the re-

A man named Watkins, of Essex Co., who was courting a widow in King and Queen county, reduction of the tax on manufactured tobacco. became so enraged with her for refusing to lend him her horse and buggy to go after the mar riage license that he borrowed a friend's, drove to the court house during a furious raie, got a icease, but instead of the widow's name had that of a young lady to whom he had been paying some attention inserted in it, and returning had no difficulty in obtaining her consent to have the naptial knot tied.

The Norfolk Cotton Exchange on Saturday passed a resolution calling upon the general government to appropriate the sum of one mil-Swamp canal. They also recommend an appropriation for the Currituck sound on the line of the Albemarle and Chesapeake capa'. It is the Board of Trade of Baltimore.

Goz. Holliday has appointed Judge H. W. Thomas, Robt, Johnston, and Isaac Davesport, commissioners to prepare a plan to reorganize the State offices. He has also appointed Gen. Echols and Mr. Robert P. Archer to represent Virginia at the Paris Exposition. The Govern or has reappointed Dr. M. M. Walker surgeon at the Penicentiary.

Miss Susie Bland, of Prince George county, a few days ago, while attempting to draw a bucket of water from a well, the handle of the windlass slipped from her hand, and, turning backward, struck her with such force on the forehead as to fracture the skull and kill her. The residence of Col. T. F. Goode, in Boyd-

too, Meckleaburg county, was destroyed by fire Gov. Holliday will dine all the members of

the General Assembly, but not at the same The postmuster at Warrenton protests against

the delivery of a mail there on Sunday. A. W. Robins, a prominent lawger of Glou cester county, died last week.

VIRGINIA MIDLAND BAILROAD .- A corres-

pondent of the Richmond Dispatch says: "The talk is revived about building the missing link between Orange and Charlottesville, so as to join the two sections of the Virginia Midland railsoad, now dependent for connection upon the Chesapeake and Ohio. An entirely new company proposes to undertake the workone of the Royal Land Company of Virginia, which owns the Narrow Gauge railroad between Orange and Fredericksburg, being the president. The latest intelligence concerning the condition and prospects of the Virginia Midland railroad is encouraging. Full interest has been paid upcoaches went down at the western end of the on the bonds secured by the first and second mortgages, and there is a surplus to go to the interest upon the third mertgage bonds. The holders of the first mortgage, however, claim that they are entitled to have their principier. Seven bodies have been recovered up to pal money paid before subsequent mortgages by Commodore M. F. Maury. have any right to participate in the assets. The Court is considering this question. The lease for ninety-nine years of the Manassas Gap branch to the Baltimore and Ohio Railreal Co. at six per cent, on the cost of construction more than enables the company to fulfil all the obligations of that line. I am told by well-informed gentlemen connected with the road that with the single exception of the Centenial year, when the passenger traffic exceeded all bounds, it is doing a better busines than at any time since the war, and that if the increase of business continue in the same rate the company's obligations will all be fully in their control and a sale of the road is avoided. President Barbour, now receiver also, is greatly beloved and esteemed by all having business connections with the company, and it is believed that everybody will be gratified if it can be so managed that he and a the operations of that all important organ, Virginian directory can retain the control of and their beneficent, influence is reflected in sound sleep and a tranquil state of the nervous

## The Maryland Senator.

ANNAPOLIS, MD., Jan. 16.—The vote for Special trains from Winsted and U. S. Senator in joint convention of the Legis The average daily mortality from cholers at Hartford bearing surgeons reached the scene at lature to day was Dennis 30, Thomas 15, Groome joint convention then adjourned. A democratic caucus will be held to night to agree upon acandidate to be voted for by the party.

> COURT OF APPEALS OF VIRGINIA .- Commonwealth, by, &z., vs. Ford and als.; sub

From Washington. SPECIAL TO THE ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE. WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 16. SENATE.

In the Senate, to-day, but few bills, memorials, or resolutions were introduced. The House bill to remove the payal observa-

tory was reported with an amendment. Mr. Withers, of Va., presented the resolutions of the Legislature of Virginia asking a reduction of the tax on tobacco from 24 to 12

cents.

There being no business before the Senate the Matthews silver resolutions came up, and the vote being upon a motion to refer to the Judiciary Committee, it was decided in the negative-Ayes 19, noes 30.

There was then a good deal of debate as to the propriety of further considering the subject to day, inasmuch as notice had been given yesterday that a vote would be asked on Monday, and it was finally determined to lay the resolu tions aside till after the morning hour on Fri-

Eulogics upon the late Senator Bogy were then pronounced by Messrs, Cockrill, Armstrong, Sargent, Kernan, and others, after which the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

In the House, to day, a resolution was passed eccepting from Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, of N. Y., Carpenter's picture of Lincoln's emancipation proclamation, its location to be hereafter designated.

Mr. Goode, of Va., presented the resolutions of the Virginia Legislature asking a reduction of the tax on tobacco.

A bill to bridge the Missouri at Glasgow was discussed at length and finally passed. The House went into committee of the whole

and took up the public calendar and acted upon

WOMAN'S RIGHTS.

The House Judiciary Committee this mora ing heard Dr. Mary Walker, Mrs. Tillotson, Mrs. Napoleon, Cromwell and others in favor of amending the constitution so as to permit women to vote. The talk will have no effect as the committee seem obdurate.

PERSONAL. Gen. A. L. Pridemore, of Va., has been and is still suffering from a severe affection of the throat and his physician has prohibited his speaking, and unless his condition improves he will not be able to make his contemplated speech on the tobacco bill, when it comes up.

THE ST. LOUIS NARROW GAUGE RAILROAD. Col. P. B. Borst to-day appeared before the House Committee on Railroads and Canals and urged upon the committee the propriety of tavorably reporting his bill. The argument was well received by the committee and it is expected that a favorable report The Richmond authorities having turned off will be made. The bill asks for an endorsement of the \$15,000,000 five per cent. bonds for forty years, to construct and couip the estire road from Washington city to St. Louis, with a branch to Chicago, a distance of in eighteen months. Should the bill pass it sufficient to meet all the interest thus due on fusal to make government and city pay day the will give an impetus to business all along the

MISCELLANEOUS.

In the House of Representatives, yesterday, Mr. Cabell presented the petition of the Tobacco Association of Danville, Va., for a which were referred.

Mr. Douglas filed the papers relating to the claim of E. K. Saead, of Accomac, which were

referred. The first public evening reception of the President and Mrs. Hayes at the Executive Mansion yesterday evening was largely attended, many foreign Ministers, members of the Cabinet, and Senators and Representatives in Congress, with ladies, being presnet, among hundreds of private citizens. The Marine Band furoished the music. A noticeable feature of the lion dollars for the improvement of the Dismal | reception was the large attendance of Southern citizens, who were invariably introduced as of Virginia, Alabama, Georgia, etc. It was the first time such general social calls have been understood this application will be seconded by made by the Southern people since the beginping of the war.

A committee of the woman suffrage association called upon the President yesterday with reference to the representation of the industries of American women at the Paris exposition by women. The President asked the ladies to name their condidates, and assured them that he would favor a representation by women, but would not assure them that their candidates

would be appointed. Secretary Sherman will at once give notice to the syndicate of the discontinuance of their con-tract after ten days. The Secretary is now preparing an advertisement for placing the new popular loan among the people, who are to be given an opportunity to purchase the bonds, which are to be of such small denominations as to place them within their means. These bonds will be soon executed and placed in the market.

NEW STATE LAWS. - Among the acts that have become laws are the following: To amend and re-enact an act to provide for

taking the census of school population. To amend and re-enact an act entitled an act for the protection of sheep in the county of Fauguier. To amend and re-enact an act approved Jan-

uary 26, 1877, entitled an act to amend section 58 of chapter 78 of the Code of 1873, in regard to admission to the public free schools. To amend and re enact the first sub division of the 15th section of the act for the assessment

of taxes on persons, &:. Declaring the Virginia bank of the Potomace river in Loudoun county a lawful fence. To authorize the county of Rappshannock to

unite with the counties of Fauquier and Calpeper in constructing a bridge across the Rappahannock river. Joint resolution to authorize the appoint-

ment of commissioners to prepare some plan for the reorganization of the Government Joint resolution in relation to the distribution of the Physical Survey of Virginia, No. 2.

PARENT OF INSOMNIA. - The parent of insomnia or wakefulness is in nine cases out of ten a dyspeptic stomach. Good digestion gives sound sleep, indigestion interferes with it. The brain and stomach sympathize. One of the prominent symptons of a weak state of the gastric organs is a disturbance of the great nerve entrepot, the brain. Invigorate the stomach, and you restore equilibrium to the great centre. A most reliable medicine for the purpose is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which is far preferable to mineral sedatives and powerful narcotics which, though they may for a time exert a soporitic influence upon the brain, soon cease to act, and invariably injure the tone of the stomach. The Bitters, on the contrary, restore activity to

to the action of the liver and bowels by it use. jan 14 eo-3t "GERMAN SYRUP."-No other medicine in the world was ever given such a test of its curative qualities as BOSCHEE'S GERMAN SYRUP. In three years two million four hundred thousand small bottles of this medicine was distributed free of charge by druggists in this country to those afflicted with Consumption, Asthms, Croup, severe Coughs, Pneumonia and other diseases of the throat and lungs, giving the American people undeniable proof that GERMAN SYRUP will cure them. The result

system. A wholesome impetus is likewise given

Legislative. In the State Secate, yesterday, bills were reported from committees to amend the Code in reference to mechanics' liens, with an amend. ment; to amend the law in relation to landlord and tenant so as to give the tenant the right to secure crops, &c.; and to provide a more economical mode of conveying lunatics to asy-

A resolution was agreed to enquiring wheth. er the Legislature can require the tax under the Moffett register to be paid in currency.

The Judiciary Committee reported back the the House joint resolution fixing Thursday. 17th January, for the election of Superintendent Public Instruction, Superintendent Peci tentiary, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Register of the Land Office, Superintendent of Public Printing, and Storekeeper of the Peni tentiary. In addition to these officers the committee reported that the First and Second Auditor and Treasurer are to be elected at this session, and if this be the first of the biennial ses sions the committee are of the opinion that the Commissioner of Railroads shall also be elected. After some discussion, on motion, the day of election was postponed from Thursday till the following Tuesday, the 221, by a vote of 21 to

The school fund bill was further discussed. In the House of Delegates, Mr. Mu-bbach introduced a bill authorizing the City Council of Alexandria to compromise the debt of the city and to issue bonds, &c.

A resolution was introduced that the tax on domestic wines, such as are made in Virginia. be the same as on malt liquors.

Mr. Walker, of Chesterfield, under a su: pension of the rules, presented a joint tesolution instructing and requesting the Senators and Representatives in the national Congress to vote for the remonetization of silver, and as a legal tender for all debts both public and private, which was read a first time and placed

on the calendar. Reports from committees were made as to amending the Code relating to the repeal of the fence law in counties that have adopted it; to amend an act to provide for working and keeping in order the roads of the Common wealth; in relation to fees of commissioners in chancers; and to amend the Code in reference to insurance compacies.

The bill to authorize the reassessment of the lands throughout the Commonwealth that have been injured by the late fresher, was after de bate ordered to be engrossed.

Chief of the Bureau of Coastruction of the Navy Department.

To the editor of the Alexandria Gazette: Having read in the Gazelte a day or two ag

an article in regard; to the civil service policy of the President, I am urged by friends to offer you our congratulations upon the great advance made by your able journal in publishing all matters of public interest, thereby saving your patrons from the expense and necessity of purchasing "city" papers at high rates to satis fy said wants and to procure said information on the lot upon which the buildings were erect about 1,000 miles, the work to be completed We are justly proud of the Gazette and its en terprising proprietors, who seem determined to be up with the times and to keep their patrons posted with all national, state and domestic news, at the shortest notice. Go on-a bright future awaits you. By the publication of the article referred to hundreds of your readers have been deeply impressed thereby, owing to the fact that it is one of the strongest cases and calls louder for executive interference than any yet before the President. I allude to the appointment of the Chief of the Bureau of Construction and repairs of the Navy Department The gentleman who occupied the position until Congress met was Lieut. John W. Easby, and whose name was sent in to the Senate for appointment and confirmation; but a wise and intelligent Naval Committee of the Senate did n a consider him the proper person for the position, especially so as he had been put there over the head of one of his superiors in rank and qualif cations. He was, therefore, left out, and up to the present there is no Chief of the Baresu of Construction and repairs at Washington. Capt Thomas R. Webb is the proper person by seniority of rank, capability and honesty. For his character I refer you to the record. In the language of the Naval Committee on the invesligation of Robeson, see page 65, vol. N, report 44th Congress, 1st session. We believe that Capt Webb regards the public interest with the same ealousy that the virtuous citizen protects the honor of his family; that he is the most exact and conscientious public officer we have met; has no superior as a naval constructor. So reads the report. Now why has this good man been overslaughed-over-jumped? Because the Presdent's civil service policy has been disregarded by the Secretary of the Navy. And, secondly, that gentleman says the honest Captain Webb a democrat, and that no democrat shall be put n Easby's place if he can prevent it. Is not this enough to arcse the indignation of all dem-But the President is determined that all his officials shall aid in carrying out his polcy, and by the help of honest democrats ha shall be so aided. Captain Webb is a warmhearted, Southern man, and this is the brunt of his offending. Oh, Christian Secretary! claiming to be a Virginian. We blush for you. This man has received the highest compliment that can be paid to any man by the Naval Com-mittee, and if being a democrat is odious to you, the party is able to cause you great uneasiness, and will, as far as possible, keep a sharp look out uponly ou in order that justice shall be done to one who so richly deserves it; and by the order of the President in carrying out his own policy it will be meted out to the proper persons, though the severing of ties between the Secre-tary and his dear friend Easby be as the cutting

off a hand or plucking out of an eye. Falls Church, January 15, 1878. DEATH OF AN OLD RESIDENT .- Mrs. Mary Towner Waugh, an aged an highly esteemed lady of this city, died at her residence Saturday morning. She was the reliet of the late Alexander Waugh, who died in this city about 30 years ago, and sister of Mr. V. A. Buckey, of this city, being the eldest of a large family. She was born July 7. 1793, and was consequently at the time of her doubt in the 80 h year of her ege. Her husband, Alexander Waugh, was a brother of Bishop Beverly Waugh, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who once presided over the Conference of Maryland. Mr. Waugh was at one time a magistrate and afterward sheriff of Fairfax county, Virginia, and resided for a period at Alexandria, Va , whence he removed to Cumberland, about thirty-two years ago .-

To morrow it will probably be cold and clear or partly cloudy.

Theatre goers, club visitors, fate supper akese and patrons of the horse railroad owl trains should all certainly have a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup convenient. Gentlemen you will need it.

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, JAN'Y. 16, Sun rises...... 7 16 | Moon sets..... 5 48 Sun sets..... 4 45 | High water..... 0 00

Str Lady of the Lake, Norfolk, to F A Reed. Str J W Thompson, Loonardtown, to FA Reed.

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Schr J W Hall, hence, at New York 14th. Schrs Colin C Baker and F W Tower, hence, at Boston 14th. Schr J M Flanagan, Georgetown for Boston, at Vineyard Haven 12th.

DIED. In Richmond, Monday, January 14, 1878, RUBY A., infant daughter of J. D. and Addie S. Dalton, aged 11 months.

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